

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending; claims 34-40 have been previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention. Support for the amendment may be found in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has requested the Applicants elect a species. Applicants hereby elect the species of ethyl acetate, a compound presently recited in pending claim 7.

Applicants note that no other component, e.g., a water or a fluid, is required by this elected invention.

Applicants intend to file a further amendment of the claims in advanced of examination of the elected species.

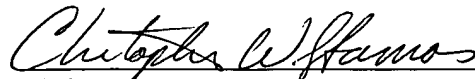
Applicants enclose a Petition for Extension of Time for three months up to and including September 27, 2004, together with a check in the amount of \$950.00. Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 248-7026.

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